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“Hopewell Police issue crime prevention tips for holidays”

[Hopewell, VA] – With the holiday season upon us, the Hopewell Police Department wants to remind its citizen's that now is a time to be especially mindful of their personal safety, online safety, and is encouraging its citizens to practice sound crime prevention measures. Here are just a few general tips to keep yourself and your property safe during and after the holiday season.

When shopping:

- Park in well lit areas and always lock the doors and trunk and close windows.
- Shop with a friend or have security walk you to your vehicle if you feel uncomfortable.
- Scan the inside and outside of your car before you get in.
- Have keys ready when approaching the car.
- Put all purchases in the trunk and lock it, especially Christmas Gifts – do not leave gifts in your cars overnight.
- If going to an ATM, check the area for anyone nearby and make sure it's well lit.
- Carry only what you need, no extra cash.

At home:

- Lock doors and windows every time you leave the house, even for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.
- Don't advertise what you have: put opened boxes in non-clear plastic bags.

While away:

- Get an automatic timer for lights so it appears someone is home.
- Have a trusted neighbor check on your house, possibly park in your driveway.
- Stop mail and newspaper deliveries, have someone pick up delivered packages.

As always, remember to report any suspicious activity and help keep Hopewell safe! Chief John Keohane and the Hopewell Police Department family would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.